



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	10/790,027	Confirmation No. 9737
Applicant	John A. Giordano et al.,	
Filed	March 2, 2004	
TC/Art Unit	1616	
Examiner	F.I. Choi	
Docket No.	48508-00014	
Customer No.	23767	

**REPLY & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants further submit a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.